

The Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland met at the office of the Governor, in the City of Baltimore, August 9, 1916.

Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington,

Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen.

Mr. John M. Dennis, Treasurer, was not present.

Governor Harrington brought to the Board's attention a bill of the Baltimore Labor Leader for \$ for printing under a contract entered into by John A. Tschantre, Secretary of the Immigration Bureau. No action thereon was taken.

Governor Harrington and Comptroller McMullen considered the question of the compromise of the judgments against the State of Maryland held by lessees of the oyster lots referred to in the minutes of the Board of the meeting of August 1, 1916, the proposition of compromise considered being that outlined in a letter from Alonzo L. Miles, et al to the Board, dated July 31, 1916, and set out in the minutes of the Board of August 1, 1916.

The Board after carefully considering the matter decided to accept the compromise offer and directed the following letter to be written and addressed to the Attorneys of the judgment creditors aforesaid.

"August 1, 1916.

Messrs. Alonzo L. Miles, H. Fillmore Lankford,
Clarence P. Lankford, Semmes, Bowen & Semmes,
Attorneys: Re: Judgments against State of
Maryland in condemnation of oyster lots.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 31st, ultimo, concerning judgments against the State of Maryland, held by certain lessees of oyster lots in the waters of Somerset County, obtained in condemnation proceedings instituted by the State, the General Assembly, by Chapter 582 of the Acts of 1916, authorized the Board of Public Works

"to effect a compromise of the judgments
for such amount or amounts as in the
opinion of the Board may be fair, rea-
sonable and proper, not to exceed
\$75,000."

The Act further provides that

"if the said Board of Public Works is unable to compromise and settle any or all of said judgments for an amount which, in its opinion, is fair, reasonable and proper, then and in that event the said Board is authorized and empowered on behalf of the State, to abandon the condemnation proceedings in which such judgment or judgments which cannot be so compromised or settled were rendered."

In compliance with the authority conferred upon it by said Act of the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works has determined to adopt the recommendation contained in your letter, and to distribute the \$75,000. appropriated for the settlement of the judgments as follows:

River lessees 70% of their judgments for \$66,985.	\$46,889.50
Balance to Tangier Sound lessees,	<u>28,110.50</u>
	\$75,000.00

The above sums distributed among the several lessees, pro-rata, in proportion to the amount of their respective judgment will be as follows:

	Judgments.	Distribution.	
Tull lots,	\$12,790.	\$8,953.00	
Crockett Lots,	12,600.	8,820.00	
Cox lots,	10,920.	7,644.00	
Mahoney lots,	15,300.	10,710.00	
Richardson lots,	9,200.	6,440.00	
Sterling lots,	<u>6,175.</u>	<u>4,322.50</u>	\$46,889.50
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Gibson lots,	\$38,000.	\$5,600.00	
Balto. lessees	153,000.	<u>22,510.50</u>	<u>28,110.50</u>
			\$75,000.00

The State is prepared to settle any or all of the above claims upon the terms above stated as soon as notified that the terms of settlement above specified are approved.

Very truly yours,

On motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, and carried by the votes of both members present, Mr. John M. Dennis had^{ing} at the meet-

ing of August 1, 1916, agreed to the acceptance of the above proposition of compromise, the said compromise agreement was accepted on the terms outlined in the foregoing letter.

On motion the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

